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SUMMARY: THE SOVIET PRESS HAS USED ITS COVERAGE OF FRG  
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CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WASHINGTON VISITING AND THE NEWSWEEK INTER-  
VIEW OF FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO HIGHLIGHT  
ALLEGED DIFFERENCES AMONG THE MAJOR  
WESTERN ALLIES. THE SCHMIDT VISIT PROVIDED SOVIET  
COMMENTATORS WITH A RANGE OF ISSUES, PRIMARILY EAST-WEST,  
BUT ALSO INCLUDING NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT SALES AND ECONOMIC  
DIFFERENCES, TO POINT TO AS EVIDENCE THAT THE WEST

EUROPEANS ARE IN BASIC DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THE REPORT OF THE GISCARD INTERVIEW PLAYS HEAVILY ON THE DIFFIERENCES OVER HUMAN RIGHTS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SCHMIDT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THE GISCARD INTERVIEW IN NEWSWEEK HS STRESSED THE "DIFFERENCES", "DIVERGENCES", AND "CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER WESTERN ALLIES. SENIOR IZVESTIYA POLITICAL COMMENTATOR ALBERT GREGORYANTS GAVE THE MOST DETAILED SOVIET REFLECTION ON THE SCHMIDT VISIT JULY 16 WHICH REFERRED ONLY TO TH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS DURIN THEIR TALKS IN WASHINGTON. BESIDES MENTIONING US ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN, IN THE FACE OF FRG OPPOSITOION, A "MOMOPOLY" ON ARMS PRODUCTION FOR NATO STATES, GREGORYANTS ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE US WAS TRYING TO GAIN "UNDIVIDED US DOMINANCE" OF THE WORLD MARKET FOR UNCLEAR POWER EQUIPMENT AND WAS WILLING TO USE "ANY METHOD" TO CRUSH IT COMPETITORS , "IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE FRG."

2. BOTH GREGORYANTS AND PRAVDA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT YEVGENIY RUSAKOV (JULY 15) SEE IN THE SCHMIDT VISIT EVIDENCE OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. RUSAKOV CLAIMS THATTHE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"WESTERN CAPITALS" ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR EAST-WEST RELATIONS OF THE CURRENT POLICIES OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WHICH GREGORYANTS ASSERTS THAT SCHMIDT AND OTHERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE "DANGEROUS IMPROVISATIONS" ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN GREGORYANTS OPINION THESE HR DIFFERENCES "TRANSCEND" PURELY INTER-IMPERIALISTS RIVALRY AND CONTRADICTIONS AND AS SUCH REPRESENT A "QUALITATIVELY NEW" PHENOMENON.

3. PRAVDA ANDIZVESTIYA JULY 19 CARRY TASS REPORT OF GISCARD INTERVIEW POINTING OUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRENCH LEADER'S VIEW OF DETENTE AND THOSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER. TASS CITES GISCARD TO EFFECT THAT US HAS INTRODUCED A "NEW IDEOLOGICAL ASPECT" AND THAT THIS HAS "THREATENED THE PROCESS OF DETENTE." (COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER GISCARD'S REMARK SHOLD BE TRANSLATED AS "COMPROMISED" OR "JEOPARDIZED." TASS AS ESCALATED IT TO "THREATENED." END COMMENT.)

4.TASS IS SELECTIVE INQUOTING GISCARD AND LEAVES OUT MUCH IN INTERVIEW WHICH WOULD TEND TO MODERATE HIS

CRITICISM. HENCE, THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE QUESTION OF FINDING NEW IDEOLOGICAL THEMES WHICH WILL NOT PROVOKE NEGATIVE REACTIONS. PROMINENCE IS, OF COURSE, GIVEN TO GISCARD'S REMARKS WHICH REFLECT FAVORABLY ON THE SOVIET UNION, ON ITS COMMITMENT TO DETENTE, AND ON ITS DESIRE TO END THE ARMS RACE ON THE BASIS OF PARITY. FINALLY, MENTION IS MADE OF GISCARD'S CALL FOR A "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR DETENTE AND HE IS REPORTED BY TASS TO HAVE SAID THAT SCHMIDT AGREES WITH HIM ON THE NEED FOR ONE.

5. PRAVDA JULY 20 CARRIED A SHORT ONE-PARAGRAPH NOTE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE GISCARD INTERVIEW, THUS EMPHASIZING, WITHOUT COMMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. FINALLY, TASS ENGLISH JULY 20 CARRIES THE FIRST REPORTAGE OF THE SCHMIDT-GISCARD MEETING IN WHICH IT REPLAYS SELECTED WEST EUROPEAN PRESS COMMENTS THAT SCHMIDT SHARES GISCARD'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS STAND AND THAT EUROPE'S LEADERS WISH TO "WARN" THE US THAT THEY DO NOT "WISH TO PARTICIPATE" IN A US CAMPAIGN ON SOVIET HR VIOLATIONS.

6. COMMENT: THE SUM OF THE PRESS COVERAGE BRINGS TO THE FORE THE SOVIET CONTENTION THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS ISOLATED AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS IN PURSUING ITS POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MISSING COMPLETELY IS ANY INDICATION THAT WHAT IS AT ISSUE ARE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH AND EMPHASIS, NOT FUNDAMENTALS.  
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